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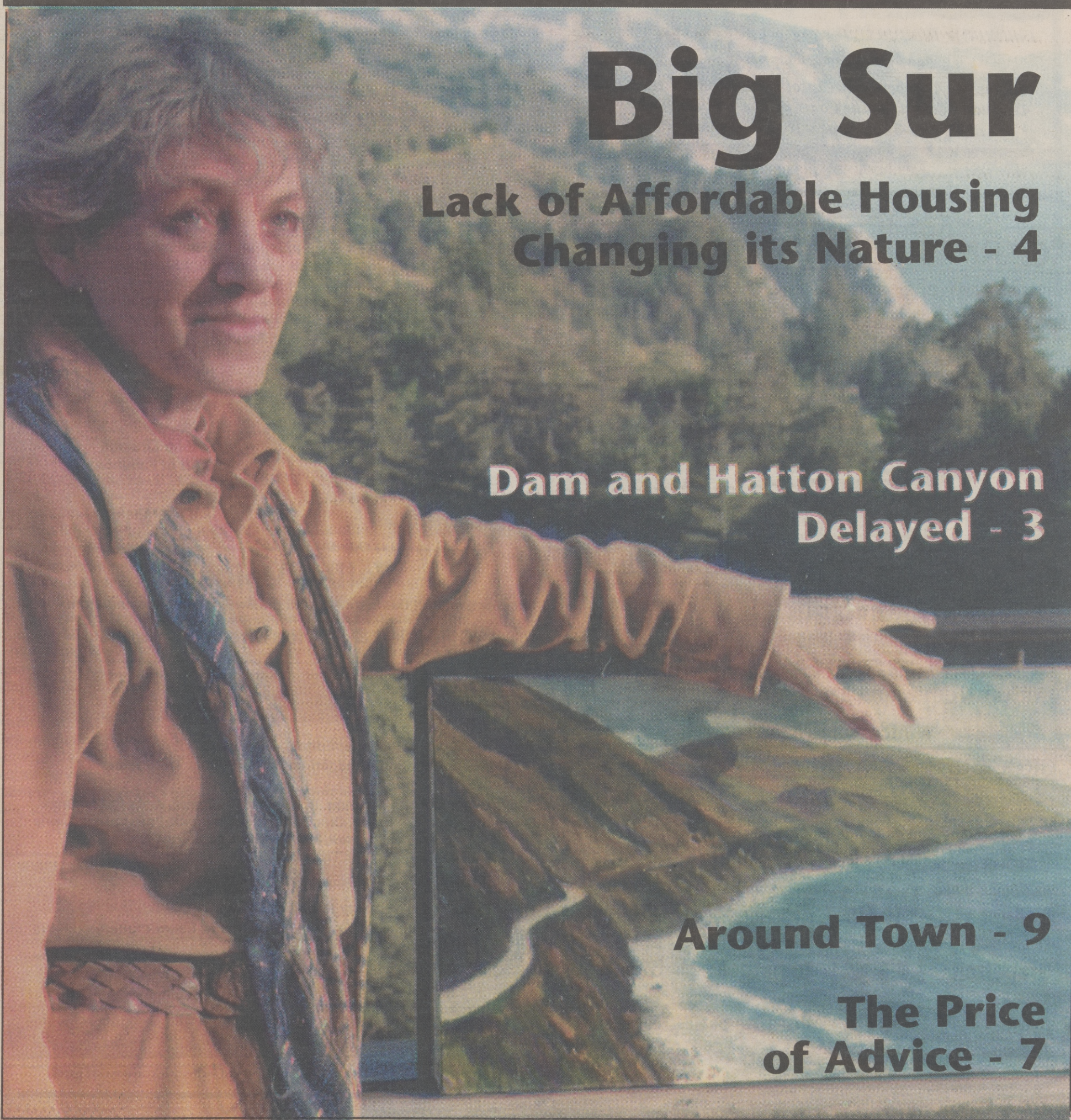
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Letters

Playing Politics with Hatton Canyon

Editor,

Supervisor Potter and Assemblyman Keeley are playing politics by supporting an alternate to the Hatton Canyon Scenic Road. The alternate includes Los Angeles type tunnels at Carpenter and Ocean Avenues. These unsafe, 90 degree, tunnels include entrance and exit pits almost a city block long. What an eyesore for the two main entrances to the quaint little town of Carmel. Fortunately the technically trained officials of Caltrans and the Federal Government will not approve or fund such a design.

So the tunnel design will be rejected after years of squabbling, and the present road would probably be widened with San Jose type, graffiti collecting, sound barrier walls. These walls would reach from Rio Road all the way to Carpenter Street. All the residents whose bedrooms would be only a few feet from the road can request and would receive these walls. How do you think all of those walls got built in San Jose? You would still have four stop lights, 10 intersecting streets and 23 private driveways impeding traffic!

Neither of the above scenarios would solve the long term traffic problem but there are two possible band aid suggestions that would help to relieve gridlock:

- Remove all of the stop signs on Junipero Avenue in Carmel. This would allow free flow of traffic from Rio Road through Carmel to Carpenter Street.
- Have the County connect the two Outlook Drives so that Carmel Valley Road, Rancho Rio Vista and Carmel Views can flow through Carmel Views and High Meadow to the Carpenter Street intersection at Highway 1 and on to Community Hospital if you are having a Heart attack.

Of course the professionals, not the politicians, would solve the traffic problem by building the Hatton Scenic Road. After all that is what we hired them to do!

If you support Caltrans call or write Assemblyman Fred Keeley - 831-384-1980 and Supervisor Dave Potter - 831-647-7755. Tell them to quit playing politics and support Caltrans and the Hatton project and that you are tired of being stalled in traffic listening to the

elusive Red Legged Frog.
George Ferguson, Carmel

News Briefs

Dam Delayed - More Water Wanted

A dam on the Carmel River has been pushed back another year, this time by its supporters with the hope of new water for lots of record and remodels. "We are very concerned about the delay to the process," said Marc Lucca, Project Manager for the Dam at Cal-Am. Those that want a dam also want a study to determine how much water could be made available for remodels and existing lots of record from Cal-Am's No-Growth Dam. An additional \$344,000 and about a year will be needed to complete this additional element of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. The \$344,000 figure only covers the cost of the outside consultants, the cost of additional district staff time and effort is unknown.

After the bond issue for the water district's dam was defeated, which included over 3,000 acre feet of water for new allocations, Cal-Am conducted a poll that concluded the primary reason the dam was defeated was because the public did not want growth. "Our project is and always has been one that is meant to replace the deficit," says Marc Lucca. But the study will look at adding between 0 and 2381 acre feet of new water to the project.

"This delay prolongs satisfaction of the state order," says Lucca. Cal-Am was fined \$168,000 in 1997 for exceeding state limits, a fine that was a lenient interpretation of the law. Lucca says the longer we wait to find a legal source of water, like the dam, the longer we are subject to the state order and fines.

Darby Fuerst, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District General Manager, said that at this point the inclusion of this study in the Final Supplemental EIR does not amount to a change in project description under the California Environmental Quality Act. The question is how much water can be diverted from the dam for remodels and lots of record while still legalizing the district's current allocation and what the environmental impacts of additional diversions will be.

When the Final supplemental EIR is completed some time next year, if

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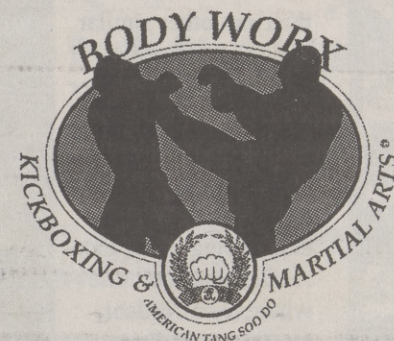
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Speak Up!

Lack of Affordable Housing Changing the Nature of Big Sur

By Laurie Giesen

Robert Redford now has something that Jane Fonda, Ted Turner, Jill Eikenberry, and Joan Baez also have, and it's becoming more expensive every year.

Property in Big Sur. While desirable view property values along Big Sur's coast have escalated in value more than any other similar view real estate in Monterey County over the past 25 years, this property is being bought up by people with a lot of money, and forcing many local residents to look elsewhere for affordable housing, said Eric Bailey, assistant to the Monterey County assessor.

"Probably the segment of the market that is increasing is the people who are willing to spend a lot of money like movie stars, Hollywood producers, famous musicians, and accomplished screenwriters," said Bailey.

Big Sur Realtor Honey Williams agrees. "Big Sur is turning into the land of Hollywood producers," she said.

Redford bought 49.3 acres inland in December, 1997. Eikenberry purchased 20 acres on the coast in '92. Turner bought 18.5 acres on the coast in '86 and Baez 4.8 acres inland in 1974, according to the Monterey County



Over Valentine's Day, artist Lynne Jays sold her inventory of art reflecting her passion of the land to pay for her move to Mendocino County. She stands by her painting called "Heading Down the Coast" with the Big Sur coastline in the background.

Assessor's Office.

Another realtor, Linda Mazet, who has exclusively sold property in this remote paradise for the past 20 years adds that people who live in the community, including herself, can't afford to buy there anymore. "Most of the buyers who come to Big Sur now are from other areas: Los Angeles, Silicon Valley, the San Francisco Bay area and they have more money than the local people do," Mazet said.

Twenty-five years ago, according to Mazet, a five acre parcel of land without a house on it would have sold for \$55,000. Now that land on the coast would sell for between \$300,000 and \$400,000, and about \$600,000 with a

home on the property.

The most valuable buildable property on the central coast is Pebble Beach followed by Carmel and Big Sur, according to Bailey. The increase in value of Big Sur real estate is due largely to a scarcity and demand of property, he said. "There are not many pieces of property to buy down there."

More and more homes in Big Sur - not just the one million dollar models - are becoming second homes, or vacation homes, for people who don't live and work there year-round, said Bailey.

Further exacerbating the affordable housing situation is the increasing price for a rental, said former Big Sur resident of 23 years, Madeline Whitlock.

After getting divorced and needing to find a new living situation, Whitlock looked for one year for something to rent in the \$700 to \$900 range. She didn't find anything there, but did in Monterey, and now commutes to her kindergarten and special education teaching job at the Captain Cooper elementary school in Big Sur.

Housing in Big Sur ranges from tiny log cabins to mansions. Rental units - though there are few - include guest homes, cabins, converted sheds and trailers. Rents run from \$500 for a converted shed to \$2000 for a three-bedroom house, according to Whitlock. Ten years ago, she said, such rents ranged from \$350 to \$1,250.

Over the past five years affordable housing has become more scarce than in the past, says Whitlock. And her situation is not unique at her school. "Ten years ago all but one teacher lived in Big Sur, and now only one lives there, and that's largely because of the lack of affordable housing in Big Sur," she

said.

Bailey agrees this flight to cities 30 miles to the north as well. "Local people are going to Seaside, Monterey, and Marina.

"Affordable housing is a problem in those other cities, and it's even less affordable and even less available down the coast in Big Sur," Bailey said.

Also caretaking positions, whereby one manages a property owned by someone else rather than paying rent, are more difficult to find, according to many local residents. Traditionally, this has been a way for a middle to low income person, such as an artist, gardener, or a server in a restaurant, to be able to live and work

"For the people who now can afford to buy places here or rent, it's now one out of several places they own. So it tends to be a home to talk about at cocktail parties rather than deeply connect with" - said Magnus Toren, Director of the Henry Miller Memorial Library



Lynne Jays sale at the Henry Miller Memorial Library.

in Big Sur. Not only are these positions more scarce, but their nature is also changing, according to 30 year resident and local artist Lynne Jays who is moving on.

On Valentine's Day weekend, Jays had an art sale to pay for her move to Mendocino County because she couldn't find affordable housing after the home she was taking care of in Big Sur was sold. "Now new property owners are absentee owners and their property is another possession. They don't want somebody on their property all the time," said Jays.

Whereas once services for an owner were performed by a caretaker in lieu of payment to stay there, rent is now often being charged. "You're maintaining the property, and pay them \$1000 rent. It's a ridiculous situation," Jays said.

Not only is it the increased quantity of people who are having to move away, but it's also the quality of people that concerns Betty Sommerville, a 50 year resident who compiles the community's monthly newsletter, The Roundup. "It's worse than it's ever been, and is sad because most of these people are hard working people who donate time to... and are the backbone of the community," she said. Sommerville cited the volunteer fire brigade as an example of how local residents give time to their community.

Realtor Mazet thinks that the biggest downside about the escalating real estate prices is that Big Sur is losing some of the character of the community. "Artists and writers who aren't wealthy are gradually having to move away. It's a change. I don't mind change per say. But those are the kind of people who make Big Sur what it is," she said.

Magnus Toren, the director of the town's gathering spot for cultural activities, the Henry Miller Memorial Library, thinks that the loss of Lynne Jays and other locals like her is the kind of gap that is hard to fill. "The Big Sur community loses someone who has a soulful connection with the land, and losing people like that could be of long-term detriment to this wild and rural place. For the people who now can afford to buy places here or rent, it's now one out of several places they own. So it tends to be a home to talk about at cocktail parties rather than deeply connect with," Toren said.

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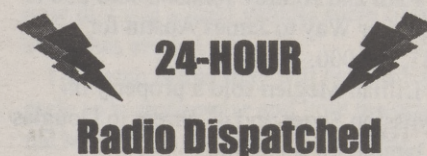
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additional water is added to the project, changing its purpose, the EIR will be re-circulated for public comment prior to certification by the district.

Hatton Canyon Faces Another Hurdle

The public hearing to be held this month by the California Coastal Commission on Hatton Canyon has been cancelled. In 1988 the Commission approved Caltrans' consistency certification but ten year later, when commenting to the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and Statement, the commission stated it believed the consistency certification was no longer valid largely due to the pitch canker epidemic among Monterey Pines. The Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 allows the Commission to re-review consistency certifications when circumstances have changed.

The validity of the consistency certification was going to be evaluated at the March hearing but before the Commission could make a determination, Caltrans offered to prepare and submit a supplemental consistency certification in exchange for the Commission's postponement of consideration of the certificate. The Army 404 permit process will also be put on hold until Caltrans

completes its supplemental consistency certificate.

New Water Conservation Plan in Effect

The joint Water District and Cal-Am water conservation and rationing plan officially began Monday, March 1. Stage one of the seven-stage plan is in effect. Voluntary water conservation is urged and if customers hold use below allowable limits, additional fines by the Water Resources Control Board will be avoided. Cal-Am, and hence the rate payers, were fined \$168,000 for exceeding the state production limit in 1997.

So how much water can you use? Cal-Am will mail customers a survey by April 15 and the answers will determine a 'base quantity' of water allotted per household or business. Properties over three acres will be able to take advantage of free water audits by Cal-Am and the Water District. A water budget will be devised to help maintain landscaping and keep water usage down. "As soon as we can the company will be offering interior (residential) water audits," says Linda Morris of Cal-Am, "one of the biggest abusers is a silent toilet leak."

If water use exceeds state limits enforcement will include monitoring water budgets, steeper excess water use charges, mandatory rationing and fines.



Real Estate in THE SUN

Carol Jensen Root

Home Sales for the Week of February 7-13, 1999

CARMEL:

James and Lorraine Devine sold 2674 15th Avenue to Wade and Phyllis Meyercord for \$650,000.

Mary Jo Brereton sold 2536 14th Avenue to Millard Co. for \$595,000.

Kenneth and Susan Wachi sold 24292 San Juan Road to John and Joan Pigott for \$579,000.

Paul and Audrey Johnson sold 25643 Shafter Way to James Austin for \$1,750,000.

Lillian Meglen sold a property on Mission Street and 4th Street to Douglas Gamble for \$535,000.

Ronald Thomas sold a property on San Antonio Avenue and 11th to Michael and Jo McCarver for \$1,670,000.

Stephen and Deidre Farrow sold 2727 Pradera Road to James and Leila Dickey for \$725,000.

Joseph and Agnes Pistulka sold a property on Ocean Avenue to Paul and Jeanet Silvas for \$800,000.

John and Rebecca Moores sold a

property on 10th Avenue to Lawrence and Jean Southern for \$1,000,000.

H. Kay Weatherford sold a property on Junipero Avenue to Nora Schell for \$620,000.

Helen Wise, Estate of, sold a property on Escolle Way to Vaughn and Patricia McIlrath for \$375,000.

CARMEL VALLEY:

Catherine Bodnar sold 25316 Carmel Knolls Drive to David Vincent for \$425,000.

Edwin and Harriet Corbin sold 195 Del Mesa Carmel to Bernard and Sylvi Carroll for \$196,000.

J. Breck Tostevin sold 256 Del Mesa Carmel to Charles and Dolores Erickson for \$325,000.

PEBBLE BEACH:

Kazuhiro Kono sold 12 Los Altos Drive to Ann Manns for \$272,000.

Robert and Delia Green sold 1139 Portola Road to Sandra and Edmunson for \$1,600,000.

MONTEREY:

Carl Outzen sold 461 Dela Vina Avenue to May Sakkai for \$154,000.

Stanley and Karen Fox sold 451 Dela Vina Avenue to Robert and Marie Jeffrey for \$140,000.

Carole Anderson sold 500 Glenwood Circle #217 to Joseph and Debra Anastasia for \$84,000.

Myron and Doris McFarland sold 16 Cielo Vista Drive to Raymond Mackey for \$339,000.

Susan Aveiro sold 798 David Avenue to George Molano for \$135,000.

PACIFIC GROVE:

Paulette Dolle sold 1001 Funston Avenue #3 to Penny Rozzi for \$204,000.

Paul and Marie Delaney sold 192 Sloat Avenue to Barbara Siebert for \$650,000.

Carol Jensen Root, real estate loan representative for Peninsula Real Estate Loans, can be reached at 659-1516.

Quail Lodge Realty Changes Name to Peninsula Realty

For more than 35 years Quail Lodge Realty has had the tradition of providing full service real estate sales, rentals and property management services throughout the entire Monterey Peninsula. The Peninsula Group, a world renowned, internationally based hotel group, purchased Quail Lodge Realty's parent company, Quail Lodge Inc. Being the Peninsula Group's first resort, Quail Lodge Realty felt it

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The Price of Advice

Some days you're the fireplug and some days you're the dog. No big deal, right? Given a level playing field, financial travesty happens to someone every day. On some days, such as the day the stock market crashed in 1929, travesty happened to more than one person, actually quite a few people on the same day. That's just the way it seems to work and we accept it as fate. But that's with everything else being equal.

I'm not talking now of the galactically stupid who allow themselves time and again to be enticed by the golden carrot or led into the fiscal abyss by their desire to get something for nothing. Nor is it about those of the clan who are only exercising their overactive greed glands.

In this instance, my disquiet relates to well educated, cultured, mature people who arrive here as immigrants. Since our financial system operates so differently from anywhere else, they seek the advice

of supposed knowledgeable friends. Now don't even think about saying 'if they learned to speak English, etc.' Because often it's not due to a language problem. Many people around the globe learn to speak English before ever setting foot onto North American soil.

"If you have a friend who asks you for advice, don't give any. Send them to a professional in the financial industry, what was right for you may not be the best for them."

The real difference is that they came from cash and carry countries and here we do business primarily on the promise to pay, i.e. credit. They were taught to save and purchase only when they could pay cash. We buy now, pay later and that confuses anyone not familiar with the system.

Once they receive a social security

card and begin working the subject of credit invariably comes up in conversation with well meaning, but ill-informed friends. Subjects such as how much credit do I need to have in order to buy a house, for instance. Now many are told to get as much credit as they can so that they will look financially solid for the person deciding whether to grant them a mortgage loan.

Well meaning as it is, this ill-conceived advice if taken, will almost certainly create a financial disaster for the newcomer. Solid and potentially over-burdened are

not the same thing and the advising friend often has no clue as to the difference. Now when the new credit holder tries to buy a home the abundance of new credit suddenly becomes an insurmountable obstacle that will cost them the time it takes to pay off their purchases, or at the very least establish a twelve-month payment history.

You see, good credit refers to more than just the ability to obtain a credit card or a loan. Once you've received your line of credit new lenders, particularly mortgage lenders look to your payment history. You've got one, but it takes a while to establish the other.

What also bothers me is that some slick operators are inclined to take advantage of others. We've all fallen prey at one time or another to those bastions of commerce who conduct their trade in various shades of gray when it comes to either full disclosure or simple honesty.

These same unsuspecting new arrivals to our shores are marks for these rascals and are sold or leased vehicles for example, by the gross. Since these firms or agencies never carry their own paper, a bank usually holds the notes. Should the buyer not care for the product sold to him, the leasing company for instance will take the vehicle back. Of course, now that it is a used vehicle some of the value has eroded.

The catch is that they will lease the vehicle to someone else and now the original buyer is in the position of having sub-leased their unwanted auto. The problem and what's never explained to them in people-talk is that should this new lessee not make the payments, the

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	Doc's Nightclub 649-4241	"The Floodplain Gang"	Elisabeth Carlisle opens for Tommy Castro	"Unknown Jeromes" plus "West Coast Rhythm Section"	Closed	Closed	Moon Dog Mane featuring the guitarist Tesla	Kelly Willis plus Bruce Robison
	Planet Gemini 373-1449	Live comedy 9pm	Live comedy 9pm	Live comedy 9pm	Super Combo: Grupo Oasis & Tropical 2000	Closed	Closed	Club La Buena with Grupo Oasis
	Sly McFly's 649-8050	Joe Lucido & Lauri Hofer 8:30pm	San Jose harmonica ace Jimmy Dewrance 8:30pm No cover	Terry Hiatt 8:30pm No cover	Jazz with "Along Comes Betty" 8:30pm	Call for information	Hot jazz jam with Joe Lucido 8:30pm-1am	The Crusin' Deuces
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Torch and the Bones in post-show revelry at Doc's.



Dan and Gina modeling the new dress code at Doc's.

Around Town

with Elizabeth COWLEY

Friday marks the return of Storm Warning to BlueFin. Storm Warning features the guitar stylings of 15 year-old Carmel Valley boy Storm Nilson and Renzo Staiano. Storm and Renzo pack Plaza Linda every Thursday with their pared down show but Friday the whole band will be in force with Jason McIntosh on drums, Gianni Staiano on keyboards and Chuck Fike on bass. Storm Warning's popularity is on the rise, they're playing gigs in Santa Cruz and have already been booked for the Monterey Blues Festival. Storm has played in a number of line-ups including Blue Nova and a different configuration of Storm Warning but the current line-up is the best yet. The chemistry between dueling guitarists Renzo and Storm makes for big fun. Showtime 9p.m., no cover.

Kelly Willis, country chanteuse, comes

Country chanteuse Kelly Willis comes to Doc's Wednesday night.



to Doc's Wednesday night. If you don't follow country, Kelly Willis is leading the movement of new country, no depression country, alt country, roots rock or whatever you wish to call it, but country it is. The 'my dog died' era of country may have passed but bad boyfriends always make for a good song topic like Kelly's *Take Me Down* off her new CD *What I Deserve*. *Rolling Stone* describes her voice as "throaty, lonesome and blue" and *Spin* describes her style as "country music's answer to Winona (Ryder not Judd)". Roger Masson of Carmel Digital says, "I like her." Kelly was signed to the MCA Nashville label and produced 3 CDs between 1990 and 1993. She then contributed to some movie soundtracks, made her acting debut and eventually got back to the business of making music. Kelly's found a new home for her music at Rykosisc, the label for *What I Deserve*. Definitely a unique booking, Kelly Willis plays Doc's Wednesday night.

Saturday brings the upbeat rockabilly groove of The Chop Tops back to BlueFin. The Chop Tops hail from Santa Cruz, play regularly in San Francisco and have a CD in the works. Lead singer/guitarist Gary Marsh leads the danceable frenzy of jumpin' hill-billy rock, Venturesque surf and rockabil-

ly twist. Put on your dancin' shoes - showtime 9p.m., no cover. Half price pool and Disco, sounds like a ladies night to me. That night would be Wednesday at BlueFin beginning at 7p.m.

The weekend's lineup at Doc's brings a one-two punch of blues and funk. Friday brings the return of Tommy Castro, playing in support of his new CD *Right as Rain* on Blind Pig Records. Tommy, our own man in black, draws a strong following from around the bay area and never fails to pack Doc's with his aggressive blues style. The ever-groovy Unknown Jeromes return to Doc's Saturday night. Doc's reports the Unknown Jeromes are the strongest drawing local band they've had. The Jeromes are talented musicians and approach their compositions like a collage, mixing funk, hip-hop, jazz and blues with loads of energy and dance beat. If you want to get funky, treat yourself to the Unknown Jeromes Saturday night.

Karma is back with a new CD in the works. Karma has been hiding but now we know what she's been up to. Along with guitarist Steve Moseley, keyboardist Kenny Pimentel and manager Debi Deacon, Karma has been working on a CD on the Side by the Sea label in Seaside. Whitey's will host the CD preview party on Saturday. Opening for Karma will be Buzz featuring Tim Sawyer from the bay area. The festivities begin at 9:30p.m., \$3 cover.

Hey, it's the Old Spice Girls at Viva Monterey Friday with Tom and Angelina Ayres. Does that mean Tom will be wearing platforms and a tube top or will Angelina be using after shave? We'll just have to find out together. Friday's music begins at 6p.m. Wednesday marks the return of Viva's incredibly popular Club Night. If you've never been to a Viva club night, it involves Vince LaRocca acting as a Vegas MC giving away money. That's right, Vince gives away dough - up to \$500. Go by Viva for all

the sorted details and you do have to be present to win. And that's not all - during club night you will be dazzled by Unshakable Duo, which is Rob and Danyel of Unshakable Race. Look for go-go dancers at Viva next week, stay tuned.

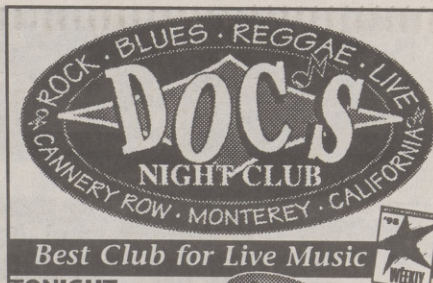
Jay Dancing

Bear will make his debut at Juice & Java on Saturday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Dancing Bear plays guitar - really well after 23 years. Dancing Bear

Storm Nilson and Storm Warning play BlueFin Friday.



teaches guitar, wrote Official Jay Dancing Bear Guide to Guitar and has been making the performance rounds on the alternative venue scene including local colleges, Henry Miller Library, Bookworks, Tillie Gorts, Wildberries and KAZU. Admission is free.



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THE SUN

calendar

Thursday

Mar 4

Dr. Tom Bishop & Sarah Bishop will give a free community presentation entitled *Finding Love Again*. They will discuss how to learn to love again after you have been emotionally wounded. The lecture is free & will be held in the **Community Room** at the Crossroads Shopping Center from 7-9pm. Information: 624-8110.

To prepare for a busy summer season, the **National Steinbeck Center** will be forming a new **Docent training class** beginning in March. National Steinbeck Center Docents are the volunteers responsible for interpreting the Center's exhibits for the general public as well as greeting tour groups. Training will last 11 weeks & will include training in literature, public speaking & the Center's many exhibits. An information session will be held at the Center tonight at 7pm, immediately following the regular Sweet Thursday lecture. Information: 831-775-4729.

The **Carmel Art Association** will present a lecture & slide show at 7pm by **Dick Crispo** about noted painter **C.S. Price**. A resident of the Monterey Peninsula for ten years from 1918 to 1928, Price shared a studio with artist August Gay & was friends with other important early California artists including Armin Hanson. The lecture is free & light refreshments will be served. The CAA is located on Dolores St. between 5th & 6th.

The **Sweet Thursday** lecture series continues with "**John Steinbeck's Childhood in Salinas**." This Sweet Thursday slide lecture will focus on Steinbeck's formative years in the Salinas area including his family background, relationships within the family, the neighborhood where he grew up, & his childhood friends. The lecture will be presented by Carol Robles, a well-known lecturer on Steinbeck & local history. Lecture starts at 6pm at the Steinbeck Center. Information: 796-3833 ext. 215.

Thursday -
Sunday

Mar 4-7

Every Thursday through Sunday, from 7 to 11pm, a mellow jazz trio is featured in the Lobby Lounge at the **Inn at Spanish Bay**. There is no charge for the music & valet parking is complimentary. For more information call 647-7500.

Friday

Mar 5

Church Women United of Monterey Peninsula will observe **World Day of Prayer** at 9:30am. The services will be held at the McMahon Center at Carmel Mission on Rio Road. The theme of this year's service is "God's Tender Touch" & was written by a group of Venezuelan women. All women are invited to attend.

Information: 625-5998.

Saturday

Mar 6

The **Jazz Store** in Carmel presents **W&J Graham's Port Jazz Series**. On Sat. hear the **Nika Rejto Quartet**. This promises to be a wonderful night of entertaining music. Standard admission is \$25 per person (some concert admissions are higher). Students (under 18) ½ price. Reservations: 624-6432.

Jay Dancing Bear, singer/ songwriter/ guitarist will be appearing at **Juice & Java**, 599 Lighthouse at 16th in Pacific Grove, from 7:30-9:30pm. Free admission, donations appreciated. Information: 647-2299.

"**A Curious Collection**" solo show by **Kathleen Crocetti**. The **Carmel Art Association** will present new works by artist Kathleen Crocetti. For several years Kathleen's primary theme was transformation, she used cocoons as a visual metaphor for the process. *A Curious Collection* is a year long exploration into the query, "What will be emerging from these cocoons?" Opening reception is Saturday from 6-8pm.

Could you create a performance about survival in space? Or create a vehicle with two modes of propulsion capable of crossing different terrains? Kindergarten through high school students in Monterey, Santa Cruz, & San Benito Counties will be participating in the **Odyssey of the Mind Tournament** at **Hartnell College** from 8am to 3pm. Awards will be announced at 4pm. Public is welcome to attend, no admission. For more information contact the tournament's web page: www.caom17.org.

Sunday

Mar 7

Merrill Lynch will be sponsoring "First Sunday" at the **Monterey Museum of Art** from 1:30 to 3:30pm. **Carmen Dragon**, internationally known musician, will be playing harp in the beautiful **La Mirada** location, 720 Via Mirada, Monterey. The event is free to the public.

Tuesday

Mar 9

Carmel Music Society's 1998 Piano Competition winner Heidi Hau will perform at the Sunset Center. The 22-year-old Miss Hau began her piano studies at age four & has given annual recitals since the age of ten. Her performance will begin at 8pm. Ticket prices are \$10 & \$5. Call 625-9938 for ticket information.

Wednesday

Mar 10

The **Friends of Moss Landing Marine Laboratories Community Seminar Series** presents *The amazing brachiopod beds of Monterey Bay. Living Fossils?*

Dr. J. Timothy Pennington Senior Research Technician Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) will speak at 7pm for this seminar at the Moss Landing Chamber of Commerce Building. The seminar is free & open to the public. Information: 831-633-MLML.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH - The **Carmel Art Association** will present a lecture on "Digital Fine Art Prints" by Lubo Michaylov, a specialist in the Giclee fine art reproduction process at 7pm. Mr. Michaylov's talk will provide an overview of up-to-date digital printing technologies for creating large format color prints, as well as a comparison with traditional methods of fine art reproduction. Lecture is free & will be held at the CAA galleries located on Dolores St. between 5th & 6th.

Come join in an open discussion on the topic - **Exploring Needs for Seniors in the Carmel Valley Area**. The meeting will start at 10am at the **Carmel Valley Community Youth Center**, 25 Ford Rd. Questions? Leave a message at 659-3983 & someone will return your call.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH - The **Wheaton College Women's Chorale** will present a concert at 7:30pm at **Mayflower Presbyterian Church**, 14th & Central Ave., in Pacific Grove. The program is offered without charge by the Churches at Greenwood Park - Mayflower, St. Mary's by-the-Sea Episcopal, & the Christian Church of P.G. The 65-voice chorale has sung for audiences in this country, Europe & the British Isles. Information: 373-4705.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH - 14TH - York School presents "Translations" by Brian Friel.

Translations is one of the most highly acclaimed plays in contemporary Irish theater & has garnered critical & popular raves in both Ireland & the United States. At the world premiere of *Translations* in 1980, critics hailed Friel's complex exploration of the significance of language to the soul of a culture. Showtimes: Fri. & Sat. at 8pm, Sun. matinee at 2pm. The show is free to the public, but reservations are required. Call 372-7338 ext. 138.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH - San Carlos Regional School is presenting its 13th annual **Dinner Auction**. It will be held at the **Monterey Elks Lodge**. This year's theme is a "**Western Affair**," catered by Western Barbecue Buffet. Silent auction begins at 5:30pm dinner served at 7pm. Live auction to follow. One of this year's items will be a football with John Elway's signature. Dinner tickets are \$25 per person. Advance tickets requested by Mar. 5th. Information: 375-1324.

Performance Carmel presents **Perla Batalla** at the Sunset Center on Saturday,

March 13th at 8pm. Hailed as a singer, whose emotional power is equal to her magnificent voice, **Batalla** is a rising star whose path to success has included constant exploration of her Mexican-American roots. Single tickets for Perla Batalla are priced at \$16 & \$12.50. Information: 624-3996.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH & 14TH - **Monterey Bay Mineral Society of Salinas, Inc. 52nd Annual Gem & Mineral Show** at Spreckel's Veteran's Memorial Building, corner of 5th & Llano in Spreckels. The weekend includes exhibits, demonstrations, snack bar, games, gems, minerals & fossils. Free hourly door prizes. Admission & parking are free! Hours: Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 10am-5pm.

MONDAY, MARCH 15TH - "**John Steinbeck, His Life & His Works**," presented by Verna Test will be the program at the **Carmel Woman's Club** on Mon. at 2pm. She will provide information about Steinbeck's personal life & how it influenced his writing. Includes slide presentation. The meeting will be at the clubhouse, 9th & San Carlos. Refreshments following. Nonmembers \$3; information 659-5027.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH - **Palma & Notre Dame High Schools** are presenting their 12th annual joint dinner auction, Sat. Mar. 20th on the newly renovated Palma campus. This year's theme: "**Evening in Paradise, in the Garden of Eden**." Silent auction begins 5:30pm an elegant dinner served at 7pm. Live auction to follow. All proceeds benefit both schools. Tickets are \$75 per person. Advance tickets requested by Mar. 10th. For further information contact the Development Office at Palma 422-2309.

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

The **Carmel Art Association** will feature the work of four artist members in the Gallery Showcase exhibit in March. The show will include a collection of paintings & drawings by noted figurative painter Frank Ashley, abstract landscapes in oil by Big Sur artist Heidi Hybl, the unique & colorful stylized watercolor paintings of William F. Stone, Jr., & impressionist oil paintings on paper by Susan Reith. The show will be hung in the Segal Room.

It's not too late to support cancer research & patient services by ordering a beautiful daffodil bouquet or arrangement during the **American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days**. March 10th is the last day to order bouquets (starting at \$10) & arrangements (starting at \$55). March 31st is the last day to order the "Gift of Hope" (\$15), a bouquet & vase sent anonymously to a local cancer patient. To place orders or to request an order form call 372-4521.

On The FOOD Front

THE FEAST IS...ON! BY MCTAVISH

The Scotsman Gorges Himself At Margie's Diner

Margie's Diner is a small chain of seven eateries spread about central California. The one in Monterey is the latest and has been in its current downtown location at the former site of Golden West for over 1 year. The owners, Margie and Ken, have a basic philosophy: to run an old-fashioned diner that serves simple American food, cooked with care and expertise. But don't get the idea it's one of those fly-ridden, fallen-down eyesores that serves lousy fake food to broken men who spend their lives hunched over coffee-stained counters. Not at all. To quote Margie's menu: "Margie's Diner serves no pre-packaged, processed or commercially-prepared food of any kind. No microwave cooking. No mixes. No instant anything. The food that is served here, is cooked here!" What Margie's is most famous for, is the size of their portions. I recommend fasting before facing the challenge of their hot open turkey sandwich with mashed potatoes platter. It has stopped me cold half-way through in the past, and I have a very healthy appetite!

McTavish has been to Margie's Diner in Monterey at least 6 times and the service was always friendly, while the food was consistently good. On my most recent visit, I went with my friends Ellie May, Leonard and Matthew. Margie's menu says: *Don't forget the milkshakes*, and I hadn't... "Can I have a vanilla milkshake?" I asked with child-like enthusiasm.

"We don't have shakes," our server answered.

"What? I've had milkshakes every time I've come here."

"The ice cream is all locked up because we were going to close early today. We can't open it until tomorrow..." she informed us flatly.

If we had arrived at 10p.m. this explanation may have made sense, but we were there at 6:30p.m. California time, at the height of the dinner hour! If not for newspaper deadlines, we would have returned another night. Anyway, we soldiered on and ordered our meals from a disgruntled server who acted as if she wished they had closed early.

I got Margie's special meatloaf which was very good. It consisted of three dense wedges of loaf that had a nice accent of mustard in their flavor. These weren't the crumbling meatloafs that other places serve, the kind that fall apart at the first prodding of your fork. No, these slices were solid enough to sponge down my shower and wash my car without breaking

up into pieces. The plate came with a huge swirl of mashed potatoes topped with gravy. As an aficionado, I can heartily recommend Margie's spuds; they're the real deal! I have always maintained that if the death of the body occurs when one's heart stops, then the death of the soul must occur when one first bites into a fake mashed potato mix.

Ellie May had the vegetarian delight platter, which featured sautéed mushrooms, vegetables, cheddar and jack cheese, fresh fruit and potatoes. As hard as she tried to conquer that heaping plate, she was forced (as many are) to take over half of it home. Leonard had the hot roast turkey sandwich, an immense portion which he enjoyed, and then he actually requested a side order of Margie's giant onion rings. They are jumbo sweet onion slices deep-fried in specially seasoned batter. Need I mention that he too left with a *to go* container in hand? He and I decided that as much as we loved the gravy topping our food, the slices of watermelon on the side should be left dry. Matthew tried the top sirloin steak sandwich with a towering surplus of fries beside it, and it sent him into a state of euphoria. "I'm loving it. This is my favorite restaurant," were a few of the things he said before he decimated every scrap of food on his plate.

Since our server didn't ask if we wanted dessert, we assumed that the dessert tray was locked away in some sub-cellar time-lock vault along with the ice cream and the milkshakes. As much as I've scoffed at the Safeway policy of forced smiles on employees, our young server could have benefited from such training. Again, let me state that I've visited Margie's Diner several times over the past year and the service has *always* been exemplary, the food fresh and plentiful. Perhaps visiting on a Monday night with a full moon was our mistake. If you like hearty, solid food and hate those skimpy portions disguised as *California Cuisine*, I highly recommend Margie's Diner. It's a fun place for the whole family! Oh and don't forget their breakfasts. If you love a good milkshake as much as I do, you may want to call in advance to make sure they're available. When you're in Salinas, check out their diner on Kern Street, and in San Luis Obispo County, Margie's has four locations to serve you. Fodor's 1990 guide wrote: "This clean, attractive, mom & pop type diner cafe serves generous portions of All-American favorites." Enough said!

(Prices rang from \$5 to \$12. Margie's Diner is open 6am to 10pm daily, and is located at 520 Fremont Street in downtown Monterey 642-0148.)



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Saturday

March 6



Nika Rejto Quartet

Nika Rejto is a flutist, composer, arranger & singer who has garnered high praise from jazz writer Leonard Feather & producer Dr. Herb Wong. She has performed for 20 years & has stunned audiences with her beautiful tone & technique. She has performed with Hubert Laws, Freddie Hubbard, Chick Corea, & Horace Silver among others. Her repertoire includes a wide array of styles, from blues & ballads, to sambas & Middle-Eastern influenced music. Her current release on Unika Records is entitled *Bridge Weaver*. This promises to be a wonderful night of entertaining music.

Bob Phillips Quartet & "The Satin Dolls"
/ CD Release Party

Planist & local institution Bob Phillips is always a welcome presence at the Jazz & Blues Company. His many appearances here have always been entertaining, as he has skillfully & tastefully accompanied a wide array of jazz stars to everyone's delight. It will be a pleasure to have him play with his own group & celebrate the release of his new CD, entitled *On The Way To Somewhere*. Phillips' playing swings in a big way, & he has a great touch with a ballad as well. He will be joined by Jackie Coon, Eddie Erickson, Mike McKinley, & the swinging Satin Dolls vocal trio.

Saturday

March 12



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Spare Change

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bank will come after the original buyer who is still ultimately liable for the purchase and the loan is still rated on his credit report as the responsible party.

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OPINION

What's Next?

Mel Vercoe

Many of us are appalled by the worsening crime rate, but we shouldn't be surprised by it. Many generations ago, scientists discovered that crowding too many rats in a cage could cause them to act irrationally. We know that we humans are generally more intelligent than most other animal species, but that may not exempt us from erratic behavior, as the World's population rapidly zooms without any attempts to control it.

We also know that human population growth is already beyond hope of providing adequate food and water and

medical care on several continents. Our own U.S.A. is within one or two generations of running head-on into this problem, which would, in itself, be bad enough, without having our country going over its head into debt, trying to show the rest of the World how superior we are, exploring space and playing World Emperor games.

It is unfortunate that we find game-playing more important than planning seriously for a very dangerous future. When it is too late, we may wish we had demanded that our 200 years out of date criminal justice system be revised to cope with modern problems.

Dorothy Zoe Draper

Patience

Patience is what we need to get along in the noisy age of 1999, as medieval as 1599.

The roar and surge of traffic down Monte Verde, (my neighbor, Mr. McKenna is attempting to control some of the noise via the City Council), the raging sound of huge trucks and airplanes overhead, the sound of illegal gasoline powered leaf blowers, all contaminate our street and our once quiet neighborhood.

The madness for machinery has created a world of noise.

Other noises are the ruffians who murder raccoons, foxes, deer.

As we have to live in this noisy century, we must find a way to guard ourselves from the turbulence and the disturbance.

I find that cassettes of operas are soothing. Playing with Gabriel and Samson, a satisfying thing to do.

One has to withdraw from impatience, and let the quiet peace of patience take over.

Go visit your garden and watch the crocus unfold into pale yellow and

lavender; the daffodils open their golden crowns. All over Carmel and the Valley, trees are flowering with spring blossoms.

These lovely things create joy, and calm you down.

When you are calm and patient you become creative. You can write a fleeting poem, paint a pastel.

It takes a lot of patience to be quiet, to quiet your rat-trap speeding direction-less mind.

Animals are patient; they know the wisdom in being quiet. They are not in a hurry to get anything done. Animals can help all of us to exist in a state of calm, to kick the restlessness and explosions which endlessly revolve in the mind.

Patience gives you a chance to think, to smile, to enjoy life.

Patience.

Imprison the machinery, trade and power, money and war and slaughterhouses.

Leave it all, quietly, patiently. Take Gabrielle out into the light rain and the opening crocus.



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Trees... Trees... Trees...

When Paul Simon (ex-U.S. Senator, now head of the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University) wrote his startling book on our impending water crisis, *Tapped Out*, he included all the steps we must take if we're not all to die of thirst. (We can do without oil, diamonds, or pizzas, but we can't do without water.)

And one of Simon's suggested actions is to plant trees. (Of the forests in what became the United States we're now down to, I believe, about five percent.)

We quote Mr. Simon: "If the United Nations by resolution were to call on every nation to plant one tree per person each year for the next five years it would have the following results: ten or fifteen years from now: beautify our earth; improve air quality; reduce the encroachment of the desert; reduce flooding; protect and renew the topsoil; protect wildlife; provide fuel for those who use wood for that purpose; provide construction materials; and, of no small consequence, stabilize water resources, and

Araby Colton

reduce the flow of water to the sea.

"For the United States that would mean 250 million trees annually. That should not be difficult to attain. For some people in central cities who cannot easily plant a tree, some of the rest of us could plant two, or ten, or twenty.

"Surely we're not going to let Marina get away with being the only community with an ecological conscience? They've already got a desalination plant going, putting out excellent quality water to 26 households."

"Each year, more than 37 million acres of tropical forests are lost, either for acreage for farmers (for beef cattle especially) or for lumber, or both. Madagascar as one illustration, is losing 250,000 acres of forest every year. In fact, says WWF, in the time it takes you to read this sentence, eight acres of rain forest will have been bulldozed and burned off the face of the earth."

But the world does seem to be waking

up... a little bit. China has done better than most of the nations in reforestation. Haiti's farmers have been planting 250 trees a year per aid recipient from the Agency for International Development. And in 1983 the State of Gujarat, in India, planted ten trees for every citizen there.

But, lo and behold! Our own nearby town of Marina has a Tree Committee, headed by Jim Ford. On the morning of January 2 more than 100 volunteers met

and Cub Scouts, Pony Baseball, Youth Soccer, the Rotary Club, the Marina Vista Site Council and PTA, The American Legion, the Kiwanis Club, the Marina Garden Club, Marina Motorsports, and the Marina Chamber of Commerce.

And Mike Owen, a Tree Planting Committee member, tells me that they've since planted many more trees.

So, how about it, Carmel Valley, and points east, north, and south? Surely we're not going to let Marina get away with being the only community with an ecological conscience? They've already got a desalination plant going, putting out excellent quality water to 26 households.

As the *Marina Gazette* says, "Desalination is a solution for the future, when other sources of water are compromised. At that time, having a workable alternative in place, ready to go, will be worth its weight in water."

Go Marina! And the rest of us thirsty citizens!

At the end of his book Paul Simon asks us to write him our questions, suggestions, thoughts, on environmental stuff.

His address is: Paul Simon, Public Policy Institute, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901-4429.

at the athletic field at Marina Vista School, carrying their own shovels. By noon the group had planted 43 drought-resistant trees, installed an irrigation system, and distributed tons of woodchips.

Says Jim Ford, "We planted fruitless olives, Eucalyptus nicholli, Arbutus Marina, and Tristania laurina Elegant. These four species should do well in Marina's climate."

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Valley VOICES

Vote for Carmel Valley's Best

Carmel Valley was added to the 1999 Citizens' Choice Poll conducted by QCN, a St. Louis based research company. Citizens' Choice is a national survey of local residents designed to determine the very best of America. QCN began accepting ballots from people in over 500 cities throughout the US on January 1, 1999 and will continue through March 31, 1999. Results of the Carmel Valley survey will be released in late April 1999. Results from the survey will also be published in a book in late May.

"This poll will generate answers that will pique the interest of local residents as well as visitors to the Carmel Valley area. We are collecting opinions on everything in Carmel Valley from the best place to buy groceries, to the best place to see a movie. Other categories ask about favorite media personalities, where to go fishing and even the best spot to take a first date. We are excited about the opportunity to get people all over America talking about the very best in their hometowns," said Shawn Scott, regional coordinator for Citizens' Choice.

To vote you can submit a ballot online at <http://qcn.com/CARMEVALLEY> or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Ballot99 at Box 885, St. Louis, MO 63188-0885.

Attention Carmel Valley Seniors

Help plan and explore the needs of Carmel Valley Seniors at an open discussion Thursday, March 11 at 10a.m. at the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center. On the works is a Get Acquainted Party in April, an Exercise for Seniors lunch in May and a Picnic in the Park in June. If you have any questions please call the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center at 659-3983.

Story Time at C.V. Library

The single most important activity for building success in reading is reading

aloud regularly to children. The Carmel Valley Library offers story time every Friday at 10:30a.m. The program is specifically designed for preschoolers and the program includes stories, songs, fingerplays and craft ideas focusing in letters of the alphabet. For more information call the library at 659-2377.

Tularcitos Academic Excellence Awards

4th and 5th Grade Students November

LANGUAGE ARTS: Joshua Severson, Julia Lutes, Jessica Koontz, Natalie Alfaro, Katy Crockett, Brittany Verga, Forest Kovach, and Monica Mileti.

SCIENCE: Justin Lyons, Jonathan Morgadinho, Courtney Krebs, Julie Culp, Tracy Wood, Alex Govan, Christian Alello, and Alex Pike.

MATH: Jordan Rouska, Will Chappell, Michael Catherwood, Robby Sanford, Erika Borquist, Kerry Crane, Arren Wolff-Smith, and Jamie Agostini. **Social Studies:** Camille Bishop, Megan Koontz, Merrissa Szumacher, Ty Canning, Hikari Mihara, Katie Fitzpatrick, Drummond Buchenroth, and McKenzie Pospishil.

December

LANGUAGE ARTS: Sierra Womak, Leslie Zabala, Willie Adams, Allan Pierce, Angelica Villarreal, Stephanie Birdsong, Megan Koontz, and Dana Ward.

SCIENCE: Alex Pike, Jordan Rouska, Chris Powers, Todd Harney, Ben Britton, Laurel Nason, Michael Schmidt, Nina Tavakolian, and Peter Krol.

MATH: Jeremy Riddell-Kaufman, Jamie Guglielmo, Todd Langland, Brendon Suh, Caleb Lutes, Jessica Koontz, Dylan Swift, and Aubry Wait.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Josh Severson, Rachel Martinez, Carl Hertlein, Robby Sanford, Dylan McMahon, Grant Dishington, Forest Kovach, and Emilie Lygren.

January

LANGUAGE ARTS: Julie Culp, Talia Stone, Sam Smith, Julie Hartford, Jordan Rouska, Drummond Buchenroth, Katie Fitzpatrick, and Casey Delay.

SCIENCE: Alan Pierce, Amanda Valdez, Chris Cappetti, Sam Sayad, Tyler Rehak, Ashley Hutchins, Robert Jespersen, and

Katie Monroe.

MATH: Ty Canning, Brittany Verga, Forrest Kovach, Courtney Passey, Josh Severson, James Warren, Shelby Fries, Sam Gere, and Molly Crawford.



February 13

Carmel: Woman reported unknown person(s) cashed three checks written out to her at the Bank of America in the Crossroads on 12/16/98. The endorsement on the backside of the checks was forged.

February 15

Carmel: A Carmel woman reported having problems in getting her daughter to move out.

February 16

Carmel Valley: Woman reported people and noises around her house. The area was checked and nothing was found.

Carmel Valley: Woman reported seeing people outside her home who wanted to kill her. She was taken to Natividad Medical Center for 72-hour evaluation.

February 17

Carmel Valley: While responding to a shots fired from a vehicle call on Tierra Grande, police found two juveniles throwing firecrackers from their car. They were stopped at CVR and Meadows Rd. Their parents were called and responded to the scene to take custody of their boys. The boys had admitted to throwing firecrackers in the area of Tierra Grande.

February 18

Carmel: Woman reported that an unknown elderly male was ringing her doorbell for approximately 90 minutes. She would not answer because she did not recognize him. Police arrived and found a 77-year-old man, who is mentally impaired, on her front porch. Man lives in the area and had locked himself out of his home. Police assisted man in getting back into his house.

Carmel: Woman reported person (s) unknown shot a BB through her sliding glass door. No suspect information.

Pebble Beach: Man and woman each reported the theft of a cellular phone from each of their vehicles. Both vehicles were left unlocked. The thefts occurred overnight.

Pebble Beach: Woman reported the theft of 9 CD's from her unlocked vehicle. The theft occurred overnight.

February 19

Carmel: Man reported unknown person (s) stole approximately \$4,100 worth of jewelry from his residence sometime in January.

February 20

Carmel Valley: A resident on Schulte Road reported a loud party at another residence on Schulte Road. Contact was made with the resident and he was advised to shut the party down due to numerous complaints.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to res-

SOCIAL STUDIES: C.J. Stine, Todd Langland, Nina Tavakolian, Drew Carlson, McKenzie Pospishil, Lauren Steege, Bert Ferrasci, and Hikari Mihara.

idence in regards to an uncontrollable subject. On arrival police found a man yelling and making strange noises. Man was found to be under the influence of heroin. He also had heroin hidden underneath a dresser drawer.

February 23

Carmel: Woman reported her husband bought a 2 liter bottle of diet Dr. Pepper from Albertsons on 2-21-99. He went to drink it on 2-23-99 and he discovered that someone had put a capsule containing an unknown substance in the bottle. The case was turned over to the Health Department.

Carmel: A 17 year old male was cited for parking violation, possession of marijuana, and possession of cigarettes after a vehicle check was made on his vehicle which had stage blood poured on the hood. The vehicle was parked in a no stopping zone.

February 25

Carmel: Woman reported hearing noises outside of her window. Police found fresh deer tracks in the mud outside of the window.

Pebble Beach: A woman reported the theft of her purse from inside of her vehicle. The passenger's window was smashed and the purse was stolen. The purse contained several credit cards and misc. papers.

Pebble Beach: Woman reported that someone stole the gutters, valued at \$1,500-2,000, at a residence in Pebble Beach. A neighbor saw a white truck in the driveway with the gutters in the bed of the pick up. This residence is vacant and on the market for sale.

Monterey: A man reported the theft of two computers from a classroom and the student center. The thefts occurred over the weekend.

Carmel: A man reported he received a threatening phone call on his answering machine. The man had written a letter to the editor of the Carmel Pine Cone saying if he were to catch a raccoon, he would take it to Jack's Peak and leave it there. The caller only threatened to sue him if he was trapping the raccoons, which he was not.

Carmel: A transient was threatening to shoot cell phone users while at the bus stop at Rio Road and Carmel Rancho Blvd. He felt they were the downfall of society. He was transported to Natividad Medical Center to be evaluated by the Mental Health Unit.

February 26

Carmel Valley: CHP reported a man was loading gravel, which was owned by county roads, into the back of his pick-up. Man admitted to doing this but did not realize it was not free for the taking.

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